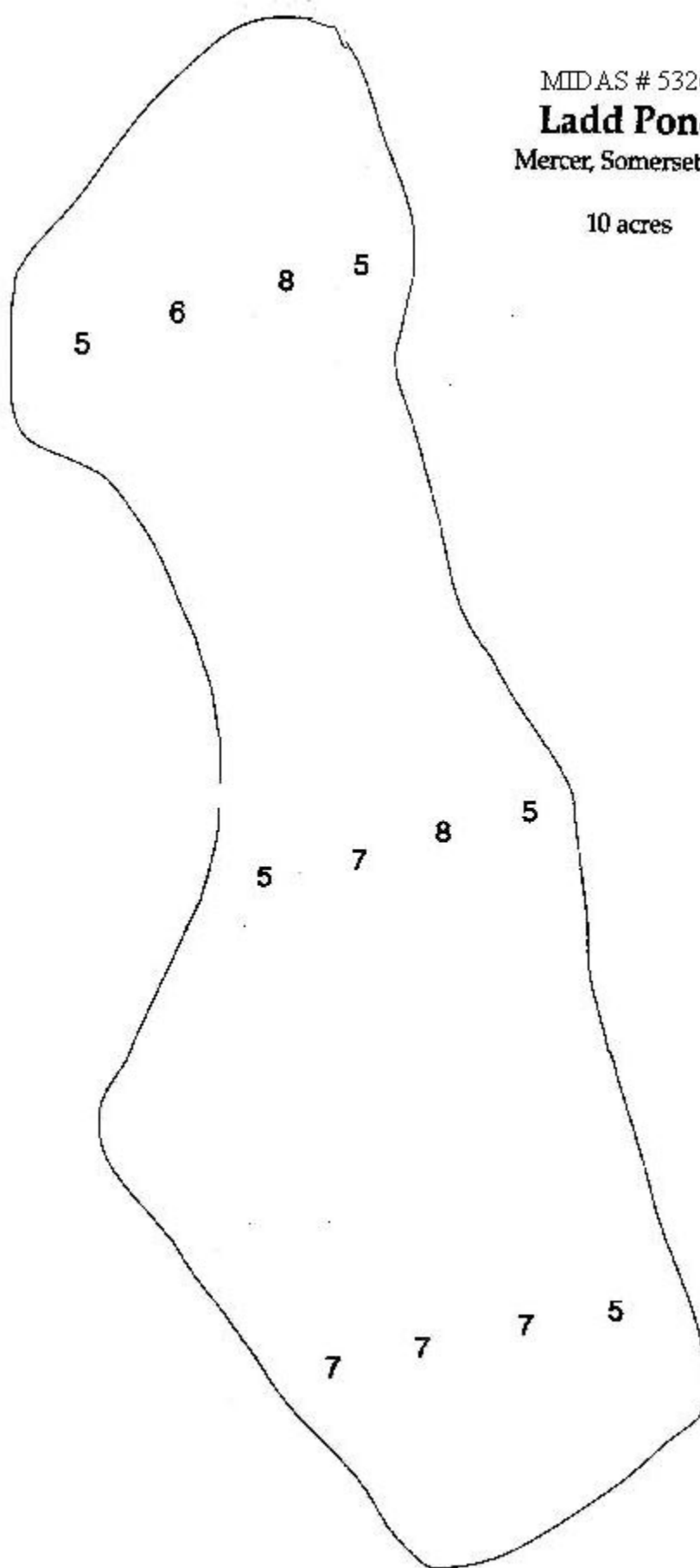
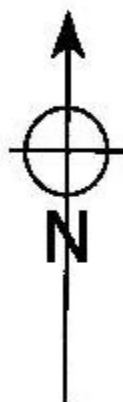


MIDAS # 5326
Ladd Pond
Mercer, Somerset Co.

10 acres



LADD POND

Mercer, Somerset County
U.S.G.S. Belgrade Lakes, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Finescale dace

Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 10 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 8 feet

Surface - 66°F

8 feet - 63°F

Principal fishery: Hornpout

Ladd Pond is located south of Beech Hill in Mercer. The pond has no inlet or outlet. Its shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Ladd Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Dissolved oxygen is present at all levels, but temperatures get critically high in the warm summer months. An experimental stocking of brook trout was made in 1981, but poor returns resulted in the suspension of additional stockings. The pond lacks salmonid spawning habitat and has heavy competition from bullheads.

Ladd Pond is accessible from a trail leaving the Bacon Road in Mercer. The pond is open to fishing in the summer months and closed to winter fishing.

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